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In re application of

Takashi GOTO et al. : Docket No. 2000\_0578A  
Serial No. 09/530,702 : Group Art Unit 1655  
Filed May 4, 2000 : Examiner J. Cleveland

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AND PROCESS THEREFOR

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RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,  
Washington, D.C.

THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED  
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ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975

Sir:

This is responsive to the Official Action dated September 21, 2001.

The Official Action constitutes a requirement for restriction.

Applicants elect to prosecute the invention of group I, claims 12-17, drawn to the product.

Since the subject matter of group II, method claims 18-35, incorporate all of the limitations of the product claims 12-17, the Examiner is requested to rejoin the non-elected method claims upon an allowance of the product claims pursuant to PTO practice. See MPEP 821.04.

Favorable action on the merits is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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